

IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

____ DAY _____, 2015

PRESENT: Supervisors

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION NO.
RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY AS “LIVING SCHOOLYARD MONTH”
IN SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

The following resolution is hereby offered and read:

WHEREAS, the California State Legislature (ACR-128 – Living Schoolyard Resolution) designates the month of May as the Living Schoolyard Month and urges the State Department of Education, school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools to continue to prioritize the design and construction of student-accessible green space on school campuses and to integrate use of this space into the teaching of standards-based curriculum; and

WHEREAS, the Living Schoolyard Month for San Luis Obispo County encompasses, celebrates, and connects sustainability efforts at local schools including school gardens, green schoolyards, outdoor classrooms and school ground sustainability efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Living Schoolyard Month for San Luis Obispo County has come to life through SLO Living Schoolyard Partners including, but not limited to: SLO Food System Coalition, HEAL-SLO, Food Bank Coalition of SLO County, Glean SLO, CREEC Network, San Luis Obispo County Office of Education, Tom Taylor School Gardens, One Cool Earth, Central Coast Green Build Council, SLO Permaculture Guild, Central Coast Grown, Our Global Family Gardens at SLO City Farm, Cal Poly STRIDE, ECOSLO, YMCA, Ecologistics, and SLO Bike Coalition; and

WHEREAS, green school grounds have the potential to improve their neighborhoods' environment by recognizing that “on-campus green space designs have environmental benefits such as rainwater collection, tree plantings, urban carbon and runoff sequestration, air quality improvement, and ecological resiliency” making school grounds important components of their cities' green infrastructure as well as key places for learning about the ecosystems that sustain our cities; and

WHEREAS, children spend 840 to 1,080 hours each year at school and ecological schoolyards will increase children's outdoor time constructively and are key components of urban infrastructure to improve cities we now inhabit while educating children to be thoughtful stewards of the future; and

WHEREAS, the Living Schoolyard Month resolution is an important milestone in California's approach to promoting outdoor green spaces for all children in K-12 public schools; and

WHEREAS, government representatives, community organizations, school districts, individuals, parents, and students, are critical advocates to advance new policies and practices to lead community change and transform schools into living schoolyards; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board of Supervisors of San Luis Obispo County support the Living Schoolyard Resolution and does hereby designate the month of May as the Living Schoolyard Month.

Upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted.

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy Clerk